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SUBJ: GDR PLANS TRADE VISIT TO JAPAN

1. THE JAPANESE EMBASSY HAS TOLD US THAT A GDR DELEGATION HEADED BY FOREIGN TRADE STATE SECRETARY GERHARD BEIL WILL VISIT JAPAN FOR FOUR DAYS BEGINNING OCTOBER 18. THE VISIT WILL ENCOMPASS A SITTING OF THE GDR-JAPAN TRADE COMMITTEE, THE EAST GERMAN COMPONENT OF WHICH BEIL CHAIRS. THE PROGRAM ALSO PROVIDES FOR A CALL BY BEIL ON THE HEAD OF THE JAPANESE EXIM BANK, AND ON THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE. IN THE LATTER CONNECTION, WE HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE JAPANESE ARE STILL UNDECIDED WHETHER OR NOT TO GREET BEIL AT THE MINISTER LEVEL.

2. BEIL'S PARTY OF ABOUT 24 WILL INCLUDE FOREIGN TRADE BANK VICE PRESIDENT POLZE, DEPUTY SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MINISITER HERRMAN, AND HERR SCHNIDLER, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF TRANSINTER, AN UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION OF EAST GERMAN FOREIGN TRADE "AGENCY FIRMS".

3. THE JAPANESE EMBASSY SAYS GDR-JAPAN TRADE IN 1975 WAS BALANCED, AND TOTALLED $78 MILLION, DOWN FROM $92 MILLION
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IN 1974. OTHER JAPANESE TRADE ACTIVITIES IN THE GDR INCLUDE

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CONSTRUCTION OF THE FRIEDRICHSTRASSE TRADE CENTER; AND THE
JAPANESE CONSIDER THEMSELVES STILL IN COMPETITION WITH
BRITISH AND FRENCH FIRMS FOR CONTRACTS TO PARTICIPATE IN
CONSTRUCTION OF A PLANNED AROMATICS COMPLEX AT SCHWEDT.POLANSKY

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